(c) and (d) Providing domain name in local languages in a complex process involving research and application.

Overcharging of rent in Gautam Budha Nagar

†2255. SHRI VEER SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is charging monthly rent which is applicable to urban areas from all the 123 villages of Gautam Budha Nagar, instead of Rs. 120/- per month which is applicable to rural areas though the same have been declared as rural areas;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the General Manager Telephone had made announcement regarding recovering Rs. 120/- as rent from the rural subscribers and the rent of two months had also been recovered at this rate; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) No, Sir. As per the present tariff policy, rural subscribers are charged rural tariffs based on the total capacity of telephone system to which they are conneted. Accordingly, the rural subscribers of Gautam Budha Nagar (as per Census Report 2001) are being charged rural rental which varies from Rs. 110/- to Rs. 210/- per month depending upon the capacity of telephone system to which they are connected.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. The announcement by General Manager, Noida pertains to options for rural subscribers to avail economy plan of BSNL with Rs. 150/- per month rental and 150 free calls.

Cheaper ISD calls

2256. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the ISD facilitators are providing cheapest international call to Europe, America, Singapore etc. at Rs. 4 to 5 per minute to the consumers;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.